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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

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For: TAPE DRIVE APPARATUS, RECORDING
AND/OR REPRODUCING METHOD, AND
RECORDING MEDIUM

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. A petition for a one-month extension of time period for responding to the Action is separately filed herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.